

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

January 20, 2023

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

The Honorable Shalanda D. Young
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Admiral Linda L. Fagan
Commandant of the Coast Guard
U.S. Coast Guard
Washington, D.C. 20593

Dear Secretary Mayorkas, Director Young, and Admiral Fagan:

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 which became law on December 23rd authorizes \$636 million for the modernization of the U.S. Coast Guard Yard in Baltimore, Maryland. This authorization is the first step in modernizing the Coast Guard Yard's World War II-era infrastructure to support the next generation of Coast Guard vessels.

For over 100 years, the Coast Guard Yard has played a vital role supporting the Coast Guard mission and our national security. The Yard is also an economic engine for Maryland, directly and indirectly generating thousands of good-paying, local, union jobs. This authorization, originally set forth in the Service to the Fleet Act which I introduced alongside Senator Cardin earlier this year, will ensure that the Coast Guard's only shipbuilding and major maintenance facility will continue to serve the nation for the next century.

In addition to authorizing these efforts in the NDAA, Congress urged the Coast Guard to fund them. The Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying the omnibus government funding measure passed last month directed that the Coast Guard "should dedicate funding to facility upgrades needed to improve the resilience of the Coast Guard Yard and associated infrastructure, as well as any other shore infrastructure maintenance and capital improvement projects."

As you know, inclusion in the President's annual budget is an important step toward ensuring that a priority is funded when Congress enacts annual appropriations. For that reason, we strongly encourage you to request full funding for this authorization in the President's budget submission for the Department of Homeland Security for Fiscal Year 2024. We look forward to working closely with you to ensure that Congress enacts this funding as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ben Cardin", written in a cursive style.

Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "John P. Sarbanes", written in a cursive style.

John P. Sarbanes
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger", written in a cursive style.

C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger
Member of Congress